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Rio Rancho Man Sentenced to Four Years Incarceration for State Income Tax Evasion

BERNALILLO – Judge George Eichwald of the Thirteenth Judicial District Court sentenced Patrick Youngman of Rio Rancho to serve four years of consecutive incarceration on Friday. Judge Eichwald suspended three years of the four year sentence. After Youngman serves one year of incarceration, he will serve three years of supervised probation. The judge also ordered that Youngman file all delinquent tax returns with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and pay all related taxes within the period of incarceration and probation. Youngman was convicted on three counts of income tax evasion and one count of filing false and fraudulent statements. In May, Youngman and his wife, Dana Youngman, were convicted on seven felony counts – Patrick Youngman on three counts of attempts to evade tax and one count of filing false and fraudulent statements, and Dana Youngman on three counts of attempts to evade tax. The Youngman's evaded their New Mexico personal income taxes by failing to file New Mexico Personal Income Tax returns for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. The Youngman's earned over \$290,000 during that 3-year period without paying any New Mexico Personal Income Taxes.

In July, Judge Eichwald sentenced Dana Youngman to 5 years probation, ordered her to file accurate Federal and State of New Mexico Personal Income Tax returns for the tax years 2000 through 2005, make restitution to the State of New Mexico and perform 100 hours of community service. At that time, Judge Eichwald remanded Patrick Youngman to the New Mexico Department of Corrections for a 60-day diagnostic evaluation before sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and prosecuted by Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney Lemuel Martinez's office.

"This conviction is yet another accomplishment for TFID, which has had 18 similar successes in the past 3 years," said Jan Goodwin, Secretary of Taxation and Revenue. "Our investigators and prosecutors are delivering the message that tax fraud will not pay in NM. Our tax dollars fund the state's infrastructure and support essential programs and services like health and human services, education, local cities and municipalities, roads and our public safety. Everyone should pay their fair share."

To date the Tax Fraud Investigations Division has assisted in recouping over \$5 million in unpaid taxes; referred more than 30 criminal tax investigations to various New Mexico District Attorneys' offices for prosecution and is currently investigating over 50 additional criminal tax cases. Secretary Goodwin created the Tax Fraud Investigations Division in 2003.

To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.